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## CURRENT PROJECTS

- **PW-03-10 Main Street Parking Lots.** Construction is expected to begin on July 12th and be completed within a month.
- **PW-07-10 Walnut Street and Main Street Resurfacing.** There is a pre-construction meeting scheduled for Tuesday morning, July 13th.

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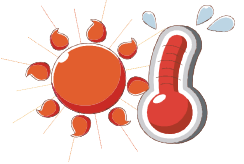
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## Water Lines Feeling the Heat



One of the side effects of the hot weather is an increase in broken water lines. The Water and Sewer division have repaired several broken water lines recently. The heat that causes movement in the earth attributes to breaks this time of year. This also happens in the winter with the freezing and thawing of the ground.

Occasionally when this happens Russ Parker, Supervisor of the W&S Division will issue a boil water order.

When a boil order is issued it is important for residents in the affected area to boil any water used for drinking or cooking for (5) minutes prior to use. The order will typically be lifted within 48 hours of being issued. Before the order is lifted water samples are taken to the IEPA lab and must have satisfactory results.

Every attempt is made to notify

the public in the event of a boil order being issued. If the order is being issued as the result of scheduled work, door hangers will be placed in the neighborhood at least one day prior. However, emergency repairs do not always give us the time to make these notifications.

In November the city put an emergency notification system called CodeRED in place. The CodeRED system allows city officials to make phone call, text message and e-mail notifications to residents. The system can make notifications system wide or to just a neighborhood. If you have a land line phone with a number that is listed in the phone directory you are already in the CodeRED system. If, however, your family has an unlisted land line number or uses only cellular phones, you need to register your number so that you will receive the emergency notifications. Visit

[www.highlandil.gov](http://www.highlandil.gov) and click on the CodeRED logo to register additional phones or to provide an e-mail address for notification.

As per our policy we will continue to make notification via our website and e-mail. Every time a boil order is issued an e-mail notification is sent. You can sign up for this notification on the home page of the City's website by clicking on the subscribe to public notices link and then selecting the boil order option.

WGEL radio 101.7 fm, in Greenville also will make boil order announcements as a public service. When the order is lifted notification is made via website and WGEL.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call the Department of Public Works 654-6823, and we will be happy to assist.

## PW-08-10 Highland Dam Construction

Public Works is taking bids for the construction of two earthen embankments. One will be 15' high by 240' in length, the other will be 11' high by 360' in length. These dams will be build on land abutting Highland Silver Lake to create a water

source for livestock. This will help to keep the cattle out of the lake.

The bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010, with an award anticipated by early August.

A pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for Monday, July 12th, 2010, 1:30pm at the work site, R & T Road.